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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sijmen SIPMA et al.	)	
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR APPLICATION  
FOR REISSUE OF UNITED STATES UTILITY PATENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an application for reissue of United States Letters Patent No. 6,367,375, issued on April 9, 2002, to Sijmen SIPMA and Sjoerd HUITEMA, and assigned of record to Tetra Laval Holdings & Finance S.A..

Enclosed herewith are the following documents:

- 1) A copy of the original Letters Patent No. 6,367,375 in reissue format, together with new claims;
- 2) Inventors' Declarations Under 37 C.F.R. §1.175(a);
- 3) Offer to Surrender Original Patent and Consent of Assignee of Entire Interest;
- 4) Preliminary Amendment;
- 5) Support for Claim Changes;

- 6) Nine (9) sheets of drawings;
- 7) Information Disclosure Statement
  - U.S. Patent No. 3,829,594      U.S. Patent No. 3,858,855
  - U.S. Patent No. 4,093,419      U.S. Patent No. 4,108,058
  - U.S. Patent No. 4,183,674      U.S. Patent No. 4,791,735
  - U.S. Patent No. 4,989,504      U.S. Patent No. 6,257,129;
- 8) Terminal Disclaimer;
- 9) Ownership by Assignee and Power of Attorney;
- 10) Application Data Sheet;
- 11) Reissue Application Fee Transmittal Form; and
- 12) Check in the amount of \$ 1,028.00.

It is requested that all future correspondence relating to this application for reissue of United States Patent No. 6,367,375 be addressed to:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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	(C) 1	(D) 4	* 3 =	x \$ _____ =			x \$ <u>86.00</u> =	\$ 258.00
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<b>Claims as Amended – Part 2</b>								
	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Extra Claims Present	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity	
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**OFFER TO SURRENDER AND CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE**

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Sir:

TETRA LAVAL HOLDINGS & FINANCE S.A., a corporation organized under the laws of Switzerland and having its principal place of business at 70, General-Guisan, CH-1009 Pully, Switzerland, and the owner by assignment of the entire title to United States Letters Patent No. 6,367,375 granted on April 9, 2002 and entitled "Apparatus for Cutting and Stirring Curd", hereby offers to surrender United States Letters Patent No. 6,367,375 and consents to the application for reissue of said Letters Patent.

Respectfully Submitted

TETRA LAVAL HOLDINGS & FINANCE S.A.

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